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Letter dated 2 May 2012 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for consideration by the Fifth Committee, a self-explanatory letter dated 5 April 2012, received today from the Special Court for Sierra Leone, requesting an extension of the implementation period beyond 31 July 2012 of the subvention grant authorized by the General Assembly by its resolution 66/247 (see annex).

(*Signed*) Nassir Abdulaziz **Al Nasser**

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Annex

Letter dated 5 April 2012 from the Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The approval of the subvention grant of $9,066,400, A/66/563 was made against a budgeted period of 1 January to 31 July 2012. It is anticipated that the Court's operation may be extended beyond 31 July 2012 which would incur additional budgetary requirements. In this regard, the Court is managing its budget in order to achieve savings, which could be used post 31 July 2012. Additionally, we are also fundraising to assist us in meeting our needs to the end of the Court.

In light of the above we hereby request an extension of the implementation period of the subvention grant of $9,066,400, A/66/563 beyond 31 July 2012, notwithstanding, that we are unable to confirm a deadline due to the nature of the judicial process. We trust that this would meet your approval.

We take this opportunity to thank the United Nations for its continued support of the mandate of the Court.

(*Signed*) Binta **Mansaray**
Registrar